PATENT APPLICATION DOCKET NO.: 31358-00477

RULES 63 AND 67 (37 C.F.R. 1.63 and 1.67) DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; and

I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: <u>Vacuum Formed Film Topsheets Having</u> a Silky Tactile <u>Impression</u>, the specification of which: (mark only one)

<u>X</u> _	(a)	is attached hereto.
<u></u>	(b)	was filed on _ as Application Serial No and was amended on (if applicable)
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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims as amended by any amendment referred to above or as allowed as indicated above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information known to me to be material to the patentability of this application as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56. If this is a continuation-in-part (CIP) application, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Office all information known to me to be material to patentability of the application as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119/365 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate filed by me or my assignee disclosing the subject matter claimed in this application and having a filing date (1) before that of the application on which my priority is claimed or, (2) if no priority is claimed, before the filing date of this application:

to publish cautionary notices reserving ownership of said invention and all rights to register said

invention in appropriate registries; and

I further agree to execute any and all powers of attorney, applications, assignments, declarations.

affidavits, and any other papers in connection therewith necessary to perfect such rights, title and interest

in ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns and legal representatives.

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legal representatives, any facts known to me respecting any improvements; and, at the expense of said

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generally do everything possible to vest title in said ASSIGNEE and to aid said ASSIGNEE, its

successors, assigns and legal representatives to obtain and enforce proper protection for said invention

in all countries.

I further authorize and direct our attorneys to insert below* the serial number and filing date of

said application now identified as Case Docket No. 31358-00477 as soon as the same shall have been

made known to them by the United States Patent Office.

*Serial Number: <u>09/876, 440</u>

Filing Date: June 6, 2001

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